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SUBJ: EARLY WARNING--KUWAIT FREEWAY SYSTEM

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1. IN CONVERSATIONS WITH SOURCES IN THE MINISTRY OF PUBLIC WORKS (MPW) AND CONSULTING FIRM WORKING ON PROJECT, EMBOFF HAS BEEN ABLE TO CONFIRM AND ADD DETAIL TO INFORMATION CONTAINED IN REFTEL B CONCERNING SUBJECT PROJECT. PHASE I OF THE KUWAIT MOTORWAYS PROJECT WILL BE A LIMITED ACCESS (INTERSTATE SYSTEM/STYLE) FREEWAY RUNNING FROM THE KUWAIT SUBURBS TO AHMADI, FIFTY KILOMETERS TO THE SOUTH. STRUCTURE TO BE EMPLOYED IN CONSTRUCTION OF SIX-EIGHT LAND HIGHWAY WILL BE, ACCORDING TO RELIABLE SOURCE, "CAST-IN-PLACE CONCRETE BOX GIRDER". THE PROJECT WILL BE DEVIDED INTO FOUR PACKAGES FOR TENDERING PURPOSES (A FIFTH TENDER, FOR TRAFFIC SURVEILLANCE AND CONTROL EQUIPMENT, WILL BE ISSUED LATER). TOTAL COST OF THE PROJECT HAS BEEN ESTIMATED AT KD 80 MILLION (APPROXIMATE \$280 MILLION), KD 20 MILLION FOR EACH SECTION (NOT RPT NOT \$25-40 MILLION AS REPORTED IN REFTEL B.)

2. SOURCES CONTACTED BY EMBASSY MAINTAIN THAT CONTRACTORS WITH INTERNATIONAL ROAD BUILDING EXPERIENCE WILL BE PREFERRED, AS THE MOTORWAYS PROJECT IS OF SUCH SCOPE AND MAGNITUDE THAT IT IS FELT ONLY INTERNATIONAL CONTRACTORS POSSESS THE REQUIRED EXPERIENCE. THE PROJECT SECTIONS WILL BE BUILT BY SEPERATE CONTRACTORS, THAT IS, CONTRACTORS WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO BID ON MORE THAN  
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ONE SECTION.

3. ACCORDING TO SOURCES, PROCESS AND TIMING OF PROJECT DEVELOPEMENT NOW STANDS AS FOLLOWS: ADVERTISEMENTS FOR PRE-QUALIFICATION OF FIRMS SHOULD APPEAR VERY SHORTLY (WITHIN THE NEXT FEW WEEKS AT THE MOST) IN THE OFFICIAL GOVERNMENT GAZETTE, "KUWAIT AL-YOM".

THIS ADVERTISEMENT WILL CONTAIN DETAILED REQUIREMENTS TO BE MET BY FIRMS SUBMITTING APPLICATIONS. THE CENTRAL TENDERS COMMITTEE WILL THEN SELECT FIRMS FROM THESE SUBMISSIONS OVER THE NEXT THREE OR FOUR MONTHS. AS REPORTED REFTEL B, GOK SHOULD BE READY TO SELECT CONTRACTORS IN SPRING, 1976. ACTUAL CONSTRUCTION SHOULD BEGIN IN LATE 1976 OR EARLY 1977. (CONSTRUCTION OUGHT TO START AS SOON AS POSSIBLE ACCORDING TO SOURCES, SINCE IT IS ALREADY ONE YEAR OFF SCHEDULE).

4. COMMENT: MPW SOURCES INDICATE THAT THERE HAD BEEN A PROBLEM IN DECIDING WHO IN THE GOK SHOULD CONTROL OF PRE-QUALIFICATIONS PHASE. IT HAD BEEN THOUGHT FOR A SHORT TIME THAT THE CENTRAL TENDERS COMMITTEE WOULD TAKE OVER THE WHOLE PROCESS AND SELECT FIRMS FOR PARTICIPATION IN THE PROJECT ON THE BASIS OF INTERNALLY-GENERATED CRITERIA. SOURCE SUSPECTED THAT THIS PROCEDURE HAD BEEN ADOPTED IN RESPONSE TO PRESSURE FROM LOCAL CONTRACTORS SEEKING TO BID ON THE PROJECT. SOURCE CONFIRMED, HOWEVER, THAT THE MPW WILL DRAW UP THE DETAILED SPECIFICATIONS ON WHICH THE CENTRAL TENDERS COMMITTEE WILL BASE ITS SELECTION DECISIONS. IT IS POSSIBLE, BUT NOT CERTAIN, THAT PROBLEM CAUSED DELAY IN ADVERTISEMENT OF PREQUALIFICATIONS FROM SEPTEMBER- OCTOBER DATE REPORTED IN REFTEL B TO CURRENT MIDDLE OR LATE NOVEMBER DATE. SOURCES ALSO MAINTAINED THAT MOTORWAY HAD ORIGINALLY BEEN PLANNED TO THE EDGE OF THE DOWNTOWN AREA, BUT THAT WEALTHY HOMEOWNERS ALONG THE STREET TO BE EXPANDED OBJECTED TO THE LOSS OF THEIR FRONT YARDS. CURRENT PLANNING CALLS FOR UPGRADING OF THIS STREET, BUT TO LESS THAN MOTORWAY STANDARDS.

4. ACTION REQUESTED: ON REPLY TO REQUEST FOR UNCLASSIFIED INFORMATION CONTAINED IN REFTEL A, EMBASSY FEELS THAT CONSIDERATIONS OF CONFIDENTIALITY REPORTED IN REFTEL B STILL APPLY. THE PRE-QUALIFICATION ANNOUNCEMENT WILL BE APPEARING SHORTLY IN ANY CASE, AND FIRMS WOULD NOT BE ABLE TO RESPOND BEFORE IT APPEARED. FOR THESE REASONS, EMBASSY FEELS THAT INFORMATION CONTAINED LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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ABOVE SHOULD NOT RPT NOT BE RELEASED FORMALLY AT THE PRESENT TIME. EMBASSY WILL NOTIFY ACTION ADDRESSEE AND USDOC/CAGNE WHEN PREQUALIFICATION ANNOUNCEMENT APPEARS, AND SUGGESTS THAT CONTENTS OF PARAGRAPHS 1, 2 AND 3 MAY BE RELEASED AT THAT TIME. WE LEAVE TO USDOC/CAGNE'S DISCRETION HOW BEST TO PROVIDE INFO INFORMALLY AND WITHOUT REVEALING SOURCE TO US FIRMS SO THAT THEY CAN BE PREPARED TO MOVE ONCE ANNOUNCEMENT IS MADE.

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